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TILTON SCHOOL
TILTON, N. H.
GEORGE L. PLIMPTON, HEADMASTER

December 10, 1924.

Mr. Charles F. Lummis, President
200 East Avenue 43
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Lummis:

I am inclosing a check for \$1.50. We have tried several times to find your address. One check came back some months ago, as it did not find you. You gave no address whatever on your bills, nor did you on this bill, but we found it on the envelope.

I wonder if you have any historical material connected with your father, who as you know, was for some years head of this institution. We are getting material together for a history of the school, and we would like to get any material connected with your father, especially his life here in Tilton.

I am sending you a copy of our catalogue, and some views of the school. I hope to come to California sometime within a year and should be glad to see you personally. Your sister, as you know, taught for me several years.

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. L. Plimpton

GLP/GAM
Enclosure.

Dec 17, 1924

Prof. George L. Plimpton,
Headmaster, Tilton High School,
Tilton, N. H.

Dear Prof. Plimpton:-

Thank you for your remittance.
It was an oversight to leave the address off the due
bills. But it is always on the Song Books itself!

I have no historical material
relating to my father, but presume you might procure
something from my sister Harriett Lummis Smith, 4827
Hazel Avenue, Philadelphia.

I know he graduated from
Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn., Class of 1855.
He was Principal of the Lynn, Massachusetts, High School
in 1859, when I was born (March 1st) in the famous
"Fanny Davenport's house." About 1861 I think he went to
Tilton, then San Bornton Bridge, and I think he remained
there about six years. My mother died in 1861; and about
1868 he married Jenny Brewster, who had been a teacher
at the Tilton Seminary. His next move was to Auburndale
where he taught in the Lasell Seminary. Then he entered
actively into the Ministry, holding three year charges
(I think in that order) at Natick, Ashland, Boston,
Highlands, Monson, Watertown and Dedham.

I think it was from the later
place that he went about 35 years ago to Appleton, Wisconsin
where he taught for 18 years or more in Lawrence University.
It is needless to say that he was widely beloved in all
these posts. He died at Appleton, April 12, 1905. He was
born in Maryland, May 25- 1825.

Of his life in Tilton I remember almost nothing except childish episodes of my own concern; for I was but six when I went there; and I have never been back since our removal to Auburndale.

If you come out to California I surely trust you will look me up, it will be a pleasure to meet you.

Sincerely Yours,

CFL/ MD

CHAS. F. JENNIS,
300 East Ave 43,
Los Angeles, Cal.

December 13, 1923.

For 38 years I have been trying to save the old, old Spanish songs of the Southwest, and have collected a great number. They were never published, and in the changed social order are rapidly disappearing - the very people who taught them to me have largely forgotten them!

Principal Tilton School,
Tilton, N. H.

Dear Sir:

I thought perhaps my "Book of Spanish Songs" may have a special interest to the Tilton School, owing to the fact that my father was principal there for several years in the early Sixties; and I was there a couple of years as a little boy, until we removed to Auburndale, Mass.

I have never been back in Tilton since I was eight; but have some very vivid memories of it still.

With best wishes for the old Institution,

Sincerely Yours,

I must depend almost wholly on subscription, and hope that this First Book may meet a welcome which will enable me to issue further books of about a dozen songs each, until we shall have preserved at least a reasonable representation of that quaint, genuine and fascinating folk-song which flourished in the Patriarchal days of California "Before the Gringo Game."

I enclose blanks and will be grateful for any subscription you may be willing to make for yourself and to secure among your friends. What better for Christmas and New Year gifts?

Always Your Friend,

Chas. F. Jennis